Statement-II

Alternate Tariff Plans of BSNL

Plan	RTP	Plan 225	Plan 325	Plan 525
Monthly Rental (Rs.)	225	225	225	225
Membership Fee	Nil	Nil	100	300
Pulse	30 Sec	15 Sec	15 Sec	15 Sec
Call Charges per Minute				
Local (RS)				
Mobile to PSTN	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.2
Mobile To Mobile	2.4	2.2	1.4	0.4
Mobile to WLL	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.2
STD (Range as per dist slab Rs. Per Min.)				
Mobile to PSTN	2.4-3.6	2.4-3.6	1.8-3.6	1.8-3.6
Mobile to Mobile	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.8
Mobile to WLL	2.4-3.6	2.4-3.6	1.8-3.6	1.8-3.6
ISD	Applicable PSTN	Applicable PSTN	Applicable PSTN	Applicable PSTN

Call rate of basic telephones

†1958. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of call from the basic telephone is higher than the rate of mobile phone;

(b) what is the per minute difference between the rates of call from the basic and cellular phones; and

(c) the details thereof and reasons for this difference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) It is not feasible to have a meaningful

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

comparison of telephone tariffs for basic and mobile phones because of the numerous combinations of tariff packages offered by operators. For instance, there are more than 600 different tariff plans available for cellular subscribers across the country with varying rate for monthly rental and airtime charges. The call charges vary among different operators and would also depend upon the alternative tariff packages chosen by particular subscriber, depending upon the usage pattern.

In case of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, the rates of local calls from basic phones and mobile phones are given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below).

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Statement

Difference chart of local call rates between cellular and basic phones of BSNL

From	To	Considering Rs. 1.20 per MCU, charges per minute (in Rupees)
Land-line, including WLL (Fixed)	Land-line, including WLL (Fixed)	0.40
	WLL (M)	
	Cellular	0.80
	Where *POI is not working	2.40
	Where *POI is working	1.20
WLL (M)	Land-line, including WLL (Fixed)	0.80
	WLL (M)	0.40
	Cellular	2.40
Cellular (under post-paid Scheme)	Land-line, including WLL (Fixed)	2.40
	WLL (M)	2.40
	Cellular	2.20
Cellular (under pre-paid Scheme)	Land-line, including WLL (Fixed)	2.40
	WLL (M)	2.40
	Cellular	2.20

*POI denotes Point of Interconnection.

Difference chart of local call rates between cellular and basic phones ofMTNL

Calls to	From cellular phone		From basic phone
	Pre-paid (Rs. per minute)	Post-paid (Rs. per minute under Plan A)	Considering Rs. 1.20 per MCU(Rs. per minute charge)
Fixed network	2.60	1.90	0.40
WLL-M network	2.60	1.90	0.80
Cellular network	2.10	1.60	1.20

Rental and free calls

†1959. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether rental and free calls for the Telephone subscribers of the rural areas have been made similar to those of the urban areas following the capacity enhancement of Telephone exchanges of Saraswati Nagar, Rohor, Samarkot and Charhgaon falling under Shimla district;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would issue orders to concerned officials to refund enhanced rental and adjust free calls to the telephone subscribers which have been paid by the subscribers since long;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

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